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Dear Sir:

This statement and Form PTO-1449 are submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98(a) as a means of complying with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 with respect to the above-captioned patent application. In accordance with Patent Office guidelines, copies of the citations listed on PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith.

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